MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director (Plane)

Executive Assistant to the Director

All Assistant Directors of Central Intelligence

FROM

: Director of Training

SUBJECT

Summary of Conclusions Reached at the First Interdepartmental Meeting to Consider the Social Science Research Council Project for Training

Area Specialists

- 1. Subject conference was held on 19 March 1951, and after a general discussion of the problem, the Chairman (Mr. Slmer Steats, Bureau of the Budget) took the following action:
  - Designated Mr. Hepkine, Acting Tirector of Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, as Chairman of a working group constituted of approximately eight (overmental agencies, including CIA, to:
    - (1) Firm-up Governmental requirements for the training of area specialists including personnel presently on duty in Government.
    - (2) Examine into the question of additional legislative requirements.
    - ()) Setermine the degree to which subject proposal requires medification in order to meet coordinated Covernmental requirements.
  - b. Directed representatives of Bureau of the Budget to prepare an Executive Order for the President's signature, designating the Department of State to assume Sovernmental leadership in administering interdepartmental interests in the program and taking all appropriate action necessary to resolve the problems involved in its implementation. The Executive Order would also contain the recommendations to Covernmental Order would also contain the recommendations of university agencies concerned to reduce recruitment activities of university agencies concerned to reduce recruitment activities of university. staff personnel which may prejudice facilities available for the carrying out of area study programs.
- 2. The Director of Training will be prepared to make recommendations to the Assistant Directors, if requested, following the first meeting of the Interdepartmental working Group on 22 March 1951.

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